विवरण

राज्य	उत्पादन (प्रत्येक 179 कि॰ ग्रा॰ की हजार गांठें)				उपज (कि॰ग्राम प्रति हैक्टे॰)			
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98*	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
आन्ध्र प्रदेश	1425.6	1610.1	1848.8	1169	287	259	312	221
असम	0.8	0.0	0.8	1				
बिहार	0.5	0.1	0.0					
गुजरात	2269.3	2202.0	2657.0	2758	320	265	304	317
हरियाणा	1373.0	1283.0	1504.0	1125	419	338	394	292
हिमाचल प्रदेश	0.4	0.2	0.3					
जम्मू और कश्मीर	0.2	0.0	0.2					
कर्नाटक	822.0	849.11	932.0	812	220	214	237	303
केरल	21.8	19.4	20.2	21	269	268	279	255
मध्य प्रदेश	345.7	1423.5	437.2	907	123	140	141	301
महाराष्ट्र	2500.3	2795.8	3143.3	1860	154	155	173	101
मणिपुर	0.1	0.3	0.3					
मेघालय	5.3	5.3	5.3					
मिजोरम	2.8	2.5	2.6					
नागालैंड	0.3	0.4	0.4					
उड़ीसा	9.7	21.8	28.0	36	250	340	340	278
पंजाब	1779.0	1950.0	1925.0	908	499	442	441	213
राजस्थान	875.2	1338.3	1363.3	1389	306	375	354	396
तमिलनाडु	440.0	339.4	373.4	411	293	221	245	315
त्रिपुरा	2.4	1.7	1.6					
उत्तर प्रदेश	11.6	15.1	7.3	8	188	177	159	151
पश्चिम बंगाल	0.1	0.3	0.3					
पाण्डिचेरी	1.5	1.6	1.0					
अन्य				13				
अखिल भारत	11887.6	12860.7	14252.3	11418	257	242	266	222

*अनुमानित

Benefits to Pensioners

*240. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended any benefits, apart from revision of pension, to different sets of pensioners of Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANEN): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission, apart from revision of pension, orders have been issued extending the following benefits to different categories of pensioners of the Central Government:—

(1) The minimum pension has been increased from Rs. 375/- to Rs. 1275/-

per month and upto 50% of the highest pay in the Government.

(2) The maximum limit of retirement gratuity/death gratuity has been increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2.5 lakhs w.e.f. 1.4.95 and, subsequently, upto Rs. 3.5 lakhs w.e.f. 1.1.96.

(3) The minimum limit of family pension has been raised from Rs. 375/- to Rs. 1275/- per month. Further family pension shall be calculated at a uniform rate of 30% of basic pay in all cases instead of the slab system of 30%, 20% and 15%.

(4) Parents wholly dependent on the Government servant when he/she was alive have been included in the definition of 'family' provided the deceased employee has left behind neither widow nor child.

(5) The limit of commutation of pension has been raised from 33% to 40% of the pension from 1.1.1996.

(6) Ex-gratia payment in respect of CPF retirees and their family members has been revised with the benefit of Dearness Relief notified from time to time

(7) A fixed amount of Rs. 100/- per month has been allowed as Medical Allowance to Central Government pensioners residing in areas not covered under CGHS.

(8) The limit of GPF Deposit-linked Insurance Scheme has been enhanced from Rs. 30,000/- to Rs. 60,000/-

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Role of National Seeds Corporation

1664. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the National Seeds Corporation (NSC);

(b) whether there is any plan to expand the NSC;

(c) what are the accumulated losses;

(d) whether any joint ventures are mooted by the National Seeds Corporation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The National Seeds Corporation (NSC), a public sector undertaking under the administrative control of the Ministry of Agriculture, Department Agriculture & Cooperation, was established in the year 1963 under the Companies Act, 1956. The objectives for which the Corporation was established were to produce and distribute seeds of high quality to the farmers and also to bring about awareness among the farming community towards utilisation of high quality seeds for ensuring better yields. It undertakes the production of breeder seeds in its own farms and foundation and certified seeds through contract growers, Agricultural Universities, State Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India. Apart from its commercial activities, NSC is serving an important objective of producing and distributing the seeds of such crops which are not commercially profitable.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The accumulated losses of the NSC were to the tune of Rs. 14.86 crore as per audited accounts of the years ending 31.3.1997.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Starvation Deaths in the Country

1665. SHRI RAJUBHAI A PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of starvation deaths reported from different States, and